



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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The Honorable Bill Shuster
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Shuster:

Thank you for your letter of April 3, 2008, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding funding opportunities for a flood control project located in Indian Lake Borough, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

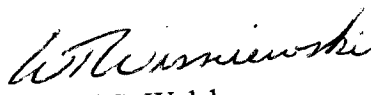
EPA and other government agencies have a range of grant opportunities related to water protection activities. However, EPA does not have a grant program to fund the construction of flood control projects. All government grant opportunities can be located and searched through a comprehensive web at www.grants.gov.

Mayor Lichty was informed that EPA has no grant program for this issue but was referred to the following agencies and their contacts:

- Natural Resource Conservation Service: Mr. Craig Derickson, PA State Conservationist, at 717-237-2202.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Colonel Michael P. Crall, Pittsburgh, PA, District Engineer, at 412-395-7103.
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection: Mr. Ray Zomok, Flood Protection Grant Coordinator, at 717-787-7432.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Mrs. Megan Mackey, EPA's Pennsylvania Liaison at 215-814-5534.

Sincerely,


Donald S. Welsh
Regional Administrator

